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REPORTS

OF

THE SELECTMEN,

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SUPT. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

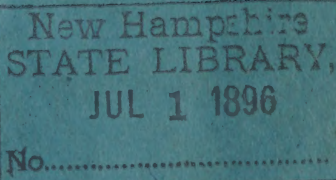
Town of Lempster

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

NEWPORT:

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REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF LEMPSTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer March 1st, 1882,	\$883.77
Last annual assessment,	3,541.43
Remaining on the tax bill of 1881,	455.90
Highway tax for 1881 not worked July 1st, 1882,	23.91
Received of County for support of county paupers,	619.18
“ Savings Bank tax for 1882,	458.83
Literary fund for 1882,	46.92
Rent on school land for 1882,	14.66
Interest on tax bill of 1881,	25.02
“ “ “ “ “ 1882,	6.40
Received of Levi C. Taylor, donation for improvement on burying ground for 1880,	5.00
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	\$6,081.02

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1883.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid L. A. Purmort, services as Auditor,	\$2.00
Hiram Parker, “ “	2.00
Wm. C. Sabine, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	75.00
A. J. Parker, services as Selectman,	48.50
F. C. Carey, “ “	30.00
S. B. Allen, “ Treasurer,	20.00
F. C. Parker, “ S. S. Committee,	35.00

Paid Geo. W. Hurd, services as Collector,	\$36.20
J. Hooper, " Town Clerk, in part,	15.00
H. S. Thompson, " " " "	10.00
Wm. T. Thissell, " Supervisor,	5.00
A. F. Perley, " "	5.00
Albert Noyes, " "	6.25
Hiram Parker, " Moderator,	2.00
J. G. Robertson, " "	2.00
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	\$293.95

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1, Fred C. Parker,	\$93.24
" " 2, L. A. Purmort,	75.48
" " 3, Geo. H. Moore,	70.54
" " 4, Josephine Webster,	57.34
" " 5, Ralph C. Roundy,	54.17
" " 6, Edgar T. Scranton,	26.59
" " 7, A. F. Perley,	77.78
" " 8, Charles Putnam,	80.35
" " 9, William T. Thissell,	44.66
Wm. A. Morrison and D. B. Wheeler, tax paid to Acworth,	4.41
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	\$584.56

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid the Overseers of the Poor,	\$630.15
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SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Caroline Gile, board of E. Nichols and wife 4 weeks,	\$ 12.00
Wm. A. Scales, board of E. Nichols and wife 49 weeks,	147.00
John M. Fay, repairing shoes for E. Nichols,	1.00
H. & F. C. Parker, goods for E. Nichols and wife,	10.07
J. N. Butler, medical attendance on Nichols and wife for 1881,	7.62
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	\$184.08

NOTES TAKEN UP AND ENDORSEMENTS.

Paid Samuel Blanchard, endorsement,	\$500.00
Esther Booth, endorsement,	158.00
Wm. B. Parker, for Society, endorsement,	40.00
Emily Eaton, endorsement,	12.00
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	\$710.00

BREAKING ROADS, WINTER OF 1881-82.

Paid Geo. M. Smith, 1881,	\$ 2.10
James Shepherd, 1881,	2.00
Phineas Richardson, 1882, 44 1-2 hours.	5.34
C. H. Hodgman, 1882, 236 2-3 hours at 12 cts.	28.40
C. A. Metcalf, 68 hours,	8.15
T. M. Scranton, 315 1-4 hours,	37.83
Geo. H. Baker, 17 hours,	2.04
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	\$85.86

PLANK AND LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

Paid Pollard Brothers, 1984 ft. of timber and plank, and labor on highway,	\$22.35
Arthur L. Benway, labor putting in sluice,	2.00
E. L. Hurd, 1148 ft. plank and timber, 91 hours labor on highway,	17.45
Charles W. Tandy, 1313 ft. plank,	10.50
Henry Walker, 584 ft. plank, and labor,	6.25
Pardon D. Jameson, timber, and building bridge over Sugar River,	40.00
C. D. Stafford, timber, and building bridge over Sugar River,	50.00
I. H. Fuller, 57 ft. plank and 12 hours labor,	1.71
Phineas Richardson, 93 1-2 hours labor,	11.22
Wm. H. Sevrens, plank and labor,	.80
Charles Putnam, 1024 ft. plank,	10.24
H. Fuller, 22 hours labor,	2.65
A. J. Parker, labor on highway,	.75
A. S. Huntoon, 34 hours labor on highway,	4.10
Keyes Brothers, 1242 ft. plank, and labor on highway,	13.22
I. H. Hodgman, 124 hours labor,	14.88

Paid	Wm. C. Sabine, 12 hours labor and timber,	\$1.75
	H. Hurd, 118 ft. plank and labor,	1.75
	G. W. Hurd, 328 ft. plank,	3.28
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		\$214.90

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement on bill of 1881,	\$16.23
“ “ 1882,	33.81
“ highway tax of 1881,	8.99
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	\$59.03

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid	C. A. Allen, recording births and deaths,	\$.75
	F. W. Cheney, printing report,	15.00
	Wm. C. Sabine, expenses of selectmen while taking invoice and making taxes,	6.75
	Edson C. Eastman, for books for use of town,	5.40
	Albert S. Wait, counsel,	2.00
	J. N. Butler, recording births and deaths,	4.00
	C. M. Dodge, repairing town scraper,	5.00
	J. L. Webster, damage on highway,	4.00
	J. L. McKeen, for town scraper,	100.00
	C. M. Dodge, for 8 days labor, on underpinning town house and painting and lettering two guide-boards,	13.00
	C. H. Hodgman removing pauper to County Farm,	3.00
	J. Hooper, labor on burying ground,	3.00
	C. D. Stafford, 3 cords of wood and sawing same,	11.25
	R. P. Claggett, execution,	6.71
	Emma Breed, land damage,	220.00
	A. J. Parker, 8 days labor on cemetery wall,	10.00
	Charles Putnam, for moving paupers to county farm,	1.00
	Michael Reardon, damage to plow,	1.80
	George W. Town, services as sexton,	18.00
	Hiram Parker, agent for building new highway,	150.00
	E. S. Barrett, land damage,	40.00
	E. L. Cushing, counsel for town,	16.00
	H. W. Parker, “ “	50.00
	Barton & Wheeler, printing,	6.00

Paid J. H. Baker, driving hearse in part,	\$4.00
Wm. C. Sabine, incidental expenses,	12.59
H. N. Pike, entertainment of selectmen,	1.75
H. N. Pike, care of town house and tolling bell,	9.00
Wm. E. Way, goods furnished town,	2.42
Geo. W. Hurd, tax bill, postage, &c.,	2.80
J. G. Robinson, entertainment town officers, 1882-3,	9.50
for bounty on crows,	16.30
county tax for 1882,	576.10
state tax for 1882,	552.00
non-resident highway tax for 1882,	66.86
remaining on tax bill of 1882,	440.68
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	\$2,386.66

Selectmen and Treasurer charge themselves with the receipt of .	\$6,081.02
Disbursements, amount,	5,149.19
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Leaving a balance in hands of treasurer,	\$931.83

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN OF LEMPSTER

MARCH 1st, 1883.

Marietta Blanchard,	-	-	-	\$171.50
Stephen Allen,	-	-	-	236.55
Samuel Blanchard,	-	-	-	2,461.08
Ianthia Nichols,	-	-	-	998.03
“ “	-	-	-	200.00
Emily Eaton,	-	-	-	300.00
Esther Booth,	-	-	-	625.00
Universalist Society,	-	-	-	1,020.89
A. J. Parker,	-	-	-	151.18
R. G. Dodge,	-	-	-	800.00
Alden Carey,	-	-	-	300.00
Henry Walker,	-	-	-	267.54
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				\$7,531.77
Interest on the above notes March 1st, 1883,				886.76
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Amount of notes and interest,				\$8,418.53

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer March 1st, 1883,	\$931.83
Due on tax bill of 1882,	440.68
Due rent on school land,	14.00
Due from state for bounty,	20.80
Due from the county,	6.00
Endorsements on town notes,	1,605.50
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	\$3,018.81
Amount of notes and interest on the same,	\$8,418.53
Assets,	3,018.81
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Balance against the town,	\$5,399.72
Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1882,	\$5,900.66
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Reduction of debt,	\$500.94

WM. C. SABINE,	} Selectmen of Lempster.
A. J. PARKER,	
F. C. CAREY,	

We the undersigned, Auditors for the town of Lempster, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them properly vouched and correctly cast, and the records kept in a business-like manner.

LUCIUS A. PURMORT,	} Auditors of the town of Lempster.
HIRAM PARKER,	

Lempster, March 1st, 1883.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

FOR 1882-3.

Again we have the task to report to the citizens of Lempster the condition and success, as well as the failings and shortcomings, of its schools. The year has in the main been a successful one. However, there are some features which we wish might have been different. Among these is the lack of interest manifested in some districts in educational matters, also the indifference with which new ideas are met, making it difficult to secure that degree of success which would be obtained were all ready and glad to adopt some way to secure longer terms, better teachers, less districts, and larger schools.

Rural districts are very slow to make any change in district lines; yet the question of redistricting the town is one that the voters will have to meet in time not far in the future. We spoke of the importance of this in our last report. We hope that it will meet with the approval of our townsmen, and that we may soon have our several districts united in some way that will make them more beneficial to the coming generation. The importance of general intelligence, not only in keeping up the character of our state, county and town, but as regards the personal and social respectability of its population, depends upon our common schools; and as they are more or less encouraged, so we rise or fall in the scale of states.

There is a multiplicity of different kinds of text books in town, and your committee would have been glad to have changed some, not so much for the sake of a new book or work, or because some of those now in use are not good enough, but to have a uniformity of grades and authors in all the schools, thereby securing better classification, which is of prime importance in any well regulated and good disciplined school. We have not made any changes for the reason

that there has been such an unwillingness, amounting almost to disrespect on the part of some citizens, to any such change. People forget the fact that they cannot send their children to school with any text-book whatever and compel the teacher to use it unless the Supt. School Committee sanctions it. We do not believe in changing books "every new moon," as some would, but we do insist on the importance of classification, and uniformity of some good text book.

Some may think, indeed we have heard it intimated, that we have been negligent in visiting the schools at the beginning of the term. In all such cases we have done so purposely, believing we could ascertain more of the real nature of the school after it had kept awhile than we could the "first and last day." If, for any reason, a teacher cannot arrange the classes in a satisfactory manner, it is their business to call in the assistance of your town committee.

The school houses in town are beginning to show the need of repairs, and we hope the districts will raise a small sum, especially to make them more tidy and *healthful*.

Some have suggested that it is not the most beneficial way to divide our school money according to valuation, but that it should be apportioned according to the number of scholars in the several districts. However this may be, it is well to consider the matter, and ascertain whether the money we expend is doing the greatest amount of good. If we would have good schools, which will be a credit to our town in time to come, schools that will educate the children to become useful citizens, schools that will be of such excellence as to enhance the value of property, schools that will confer lasting influences upon humanity, we must aid them with our money and give them our heartiest support.

Whole number of weeks school for year,	146.36
Average of teachers' wages,	\$17.65
Whole number of pupils in town,	126
Number of teachers teaching same school,	3
Number different teachers,	14
Number teaching for first time,	0
Number of teachers hired from other towns,	8
Estimated value of school property	\$2,700.00
Estimated value of school furniture, such as reference books, maps, blackboards, &c.,	\$75.00

Average number of weeks school to each district,	16.26
Largest number of pupils in a district	29
Smallest " " "	7
Number pupils having no marks for summer term,	22
Number " " " " winter term,	36

REPORT OF DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term taught by Miss Attie S. Marshall; winter by Mrs. Mary A. Parker. Both had good success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Both terms were taught by Miss Cora Sabine, a teacher of much worth. A good school was the result of her labors.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

In the summer Miss Elvira Thurber, of Unity taught with considerable success. The winter term was conducted by Miss Lillian Kempton, of Newport. She was a very efficient teacher, and we hope No. 3 will secure her services in the future.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Mrs. Emma Stowell met with good success in this district. She taught both terms.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The summer term was under the instruction of Leona Kempton, and the winter term was taught by Mrs. Laura A. Hawkins. This was a successful year's work, and the district should be congratulated upon its school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Only one short term of school was kept here, by Miss Flora Baker. The school is small, yet some of its pupils are quite forward, having received good instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss May Perley had charge of the summer term, with excellent results. The winter term was taught by Mrs. L. A. Noyes. Commendable progress attended her labor.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Emma S. Putnam, of Charlestown, taught both terms. Good progress was made in the summer, but the winter term was not all that could be desired. Considerable fault was found by some with her instructions. She maintained good order, and so far as we know was competent to teach the pupils, having some who completed their books, and who showed in their final examination that they knew how to solve practical as well as puzzling examples. The district does not exhibit that degree of interest which it should; indeed, the least interest is manifested here, in educational matters, of any district in town.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The summer term Miss Sarah Phelps of Marlow conducted. Miss Phelps is a fine scholar and good teacher. The winter term was taught by Miss Jennie Hill. A decided lack of interest and energy pervaded the whole school, and that progress which ought to have been made was not obtained.

Again urging the town to make some arrangement for longer and larger schools, and thanking the citizens for the courtesy shown us, we submit this report for your consideration.

FRED C. PARKER,

S. S. C. for Town of Lempster.

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